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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: Polypeptide Having an Activity to Support  
Proliferation or Survival of Hematopoietic Stem  
Cell or Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell, and DNA  
Coding for the Same

**This application is filed as a U.S. National  
Phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International  
Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/05383, which  
was filed April 25, 2003.**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits, please  
amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.